SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

Notification dated 20th September 1913.

Sealed tenders at so much per ton will be received at the office of the District Forest Officer, Shimoga, up to 20th October 1913, (1) for the right of felling and removal of standing fuel trees in coupes V and VI of the Purdhal State Forest and (2) for the right of removal of fuel from the lops and ends of trees felled in previous years and of dead and fallen trees in Shankar and Purdhal State Forests, during the year ending 30th June 1914. Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 100 in full currency notes as earnest money. Tenders unaccompanied by the said deposit will receive no consideration.

2. Covers containing the tenders should be addressed to the District Forest Officer, Shimoga, and should be insured and superscribed on the cover "Tender for the right of felling and removal of fuel." The tenders will be opened by the District Forest Officer in presence of such of the tenderers, as may choose to be present at the time. They will be submitted to the Conservator of Forests who reserves to himself the power of accepting or rejecting any tender without assigning any reason therefor.

3. The acceptance of any tender will be communicated to the successful tenderer immediately after the Conservator's approval, and the earnest money of the tenderers will be duly returned to them at once.

4. The accepted tenderer shall pay the contract amount in three monthly instalments, the first instalment to be paid within three days from the date on which the confirmation of the sale is intimated to him failing which the deposit money will be forfeited to Government, and the balance remaining recovered from him as a land revenue demand.

5. The successful tenderer shall execute an agreement binding himself to observe the conditions noted below within one week from the date of acceptance of the bid is intimated to him; in default, the order of acceptance will be cancelled and the deposit amount forfeited to Government.

Conditions.

(*a*) The felling shall be undertaken from one side in a methodical manner.

(*b*) The trees will be felled almost flush with the ground leaving stump not more than six inches high.

(*c*) The fuel will be assorted and stacked in the coupe or in the place approved by the District Forest Officer. The stacks should be rectangular in shape and built of such dimensions that the cubic contents thereof are 68 cubic feet or its multiple; 68 cubic feet being considered as equivalent to one ton.

(*d*) The contractor is bound to remove at the accepted rates all fuel pieces over $1\frac{1}{2}''$ in thikness and smaller sized fuel will also be sold to him if required at 8 annas a cart-load or retained by the department for local consumption. The following kinds of trees shall ordinarily be felled:—
Bikke, Chiltu, Chujjalu, Gorvi, Heddarnai, Ijji, Thadasal, Jagalganti, Mitli, Kare, Dindiga, Oobal, Tare, Godda and Bende.

(1) No young trees, trees of reserved kinds or fruit trees or trees bearing minor produce shall be cut or lopped or otherwise injured in felling fuel.

(2) From the time the measurement has been taken till the stacks so measured and paid for are thoroughly removed, no felling billetting or stacking will be permitted.

(*e*) All wood will be covered by pass-ports issued by the Range Officer before its removal from the said coupe.

(*f*) No fuel shall be carted out between sunset and sunrise.

(*g*) All felling and carting shall be completed before the end of May 1914.

(*h*) Under no circumstances should fire be lit in the forest.

(*i*) The failure of any of these conditions on the part of the contractor or his men will lead to the forfeiture of the earnest money and cancelment of the contract, under Section 84 of the Forest Regulation, XI of 1900, and all wood paid for but unremoved will lapse to Government.

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